

Overview

During 2000, the U.S. natural gas industry provided a record high volume of gas to consumers - 22.5 trillion cubic feet. Industrial sector and commercial sector consumption achieved their highest levels ever. All sources of gas supply increased activity during 2000 to satisfy the demand. Marketed production increased over 1999 levels and attained the highest production level since 1980 but remained below levels reached in the 1970's. Net imports were 3.5 trillion cubic feet, also a record high. Net withdrawals from storage were the highest level of inventory change ever measured. Increased prices accompanied the strong demand and supply activity. Natural gas prices re-

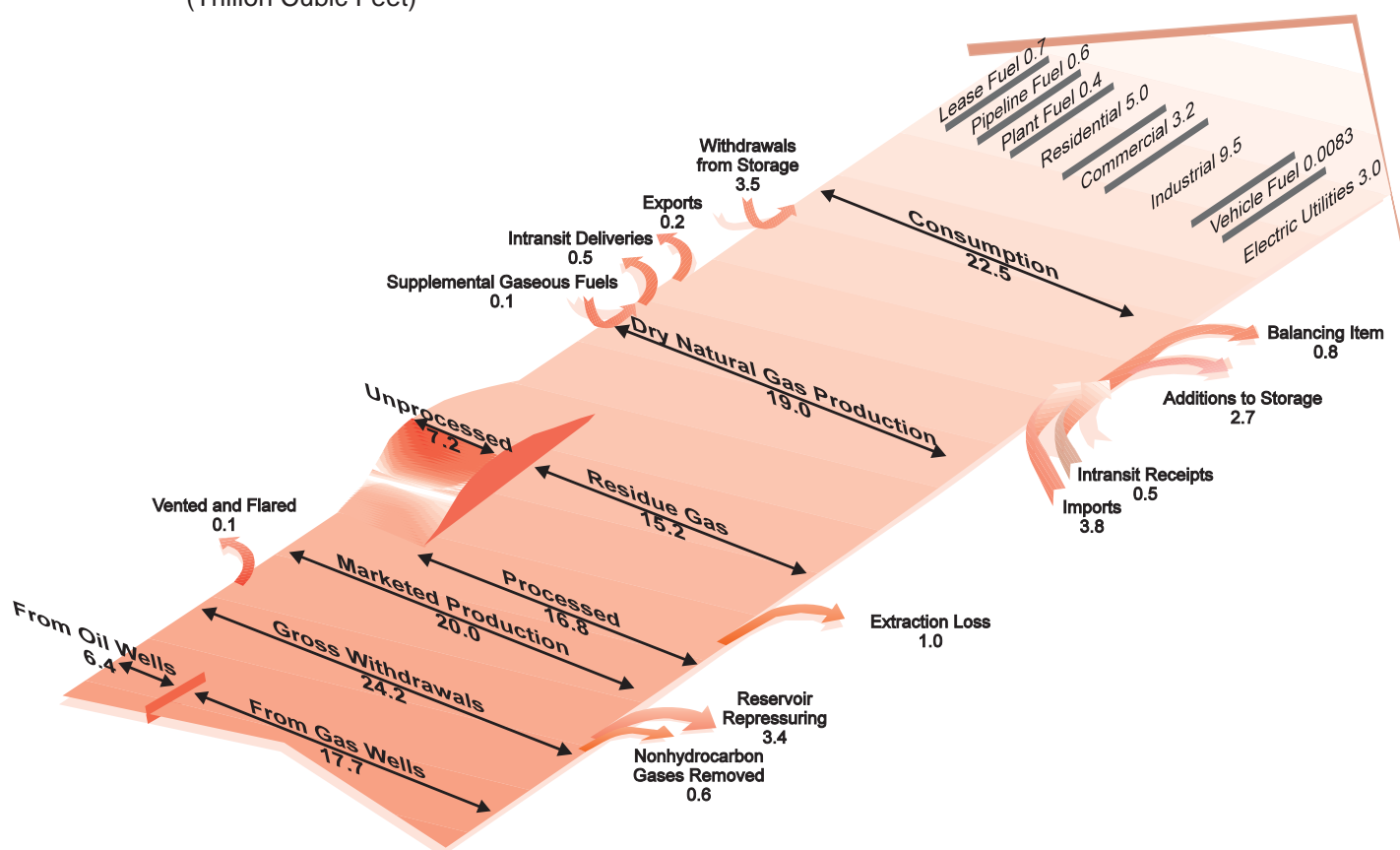
ceived at the wellhead as well as those paid by the four end-use sectors reached nominal dollar highs in 2000 but remained below their constant-dollar highs set in 1984.

Some of the national highlights for 2000 were:

Production

- Marketed natural gas production in 2000 was 20.0 trillion cubic feet, a 1 percent increase over the level in 1999. This is the first year since 1980 that marketed production has exceeded 20.0 trillion cubic feet.

Figure 1. Natural Gas Flow Diagram, 2000
(Trillion Cubic Feet)



Note: Totals may not equal sum of components due to independent rounding.

Sources: Energy Information Administration (EIA), Form EIA-176, "Annual Report of Natural and Supplemental Gas Supply and Disposition"; Form EIA-895, "Monthly Quantity and Value of Natural Gas Report"; Form EIA-816, "Monthly Natural Gas Liquids Report"; Form EIA-759, "Monthly Power Plant Report"; Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, Natural Gas Imports and Exports; and the U.S. Minerals Management Service.